



“Only speak the word”

Luke 7, 1-17

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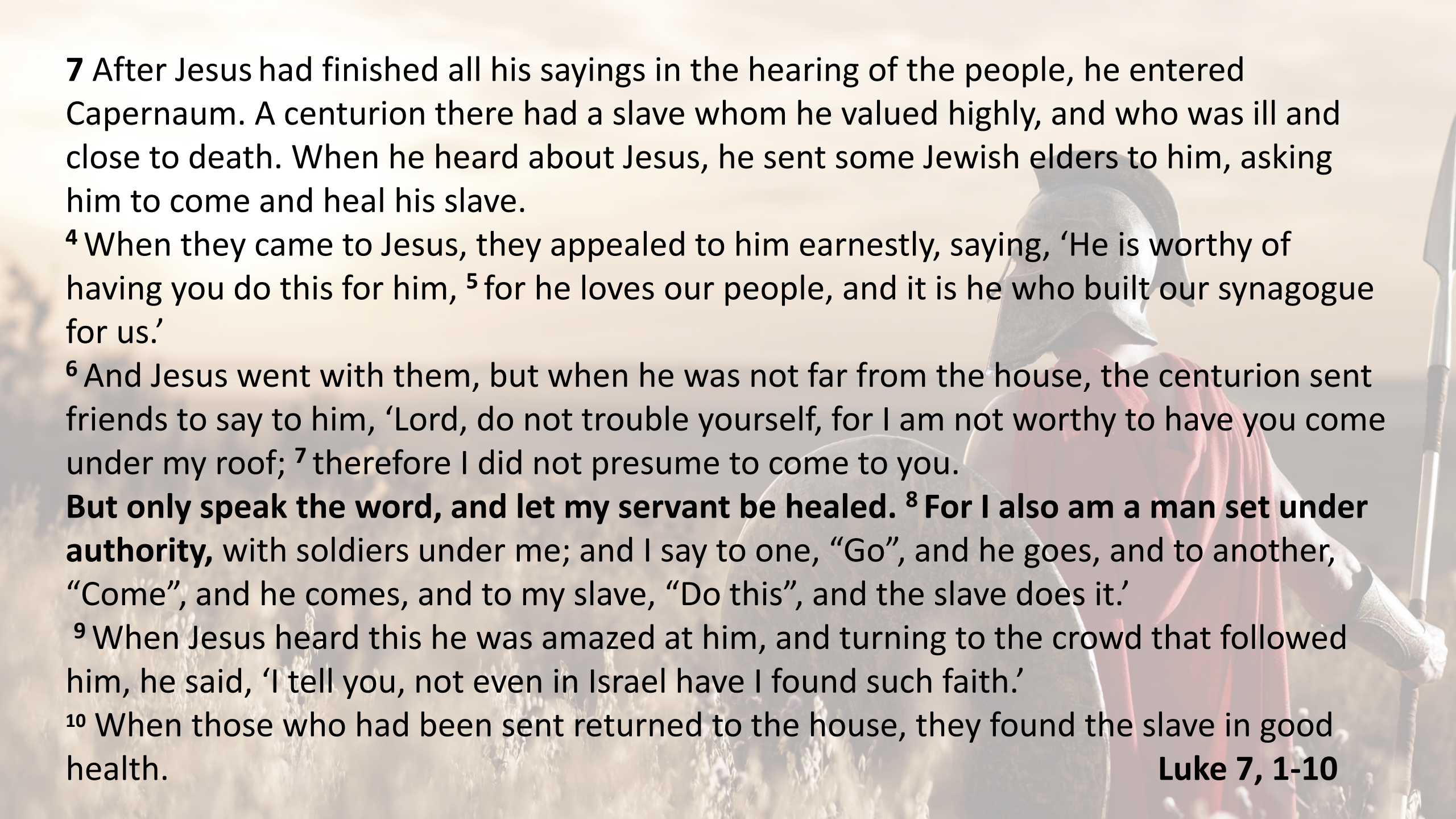
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**7** After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave.

**4** When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, ‘He is worthy of having you do this for him, **5** for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.’

**6** And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, ‘Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; **7** therefore I did not presume to come to you.

**But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. **8** For I also am a man set under authority,** with soldiers under me; and I say to one, “Go”, and he goes, and to another, “Come”, and he comes, and to my slave, “Do this”, and the slave does it.’

**9** When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, ‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.’

**10** When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

**Luke 7, 1-10**

# The authority of God

## Authority over creation





A vibrant, multi-colored nebula with a central star cluster, set against a dark cosmic background. The nebula features intricate filaments of gas and dust in shades of red, orange, yellow, and white, surrounding a dense core of blue and white stars. The background is filled with numerous smaller stars and distant galaxies, creating a rich, multi-layered cosmic scene.

**The authority of God**

**Authority over creation**

**He sets the boundaries**



**The authority of God**  
**Authority over nature, miracles**

# The authority of Jesus over sin – nature – and death



# Christlike authority

A Roman soldier in profile, wearing a helmet and a red cape, holding a spear and a shield, standing in a field of tall grass.

1. Have we really handed over authority of our lives to God?
2. Do we resist allowing others to have authority over us?
3. Are we struggling because we pray but don't see God's authority?



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